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(b) if so, the details, thereof; and

(c) the names of the States where these funds have been spent on tourist sites there, as on date?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Misuse of tourism by foreigner

852. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government are aware that in the name of tourism,, camps of lesbianism and homosexuality are organized by the foreigners and the local people are also invited to participate in the camps; and

(b) if so, what is Government's policy in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI). (a) No specific complaint or report on prevalence of lesbianism or homosexuality tourism in the country has been received in the Ministry of Tourism.

(b) Safety and Security of tourists is a State subject and hence, the Ministry of Tourism has advised all State Governments and Union Territories to deploy Tourist Police at important tourist centres/destinations. The States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Goa, Kerala, Maharashtra, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi have deployed Tourist Police in one form or the other.

Development of tourism in Rajasthan

853. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tourists both Indian and foreign who visited the country particularly in Rajasthan during the last three years and what is the percentage share/increase thereof for Rajasthan;

(b) the financial assistance provided by the Central Government for the development of tourism in Rajasthan during the last three years;